(c) and (d) The qualifications obtained from Russian Federation/ CIS countries are recognized as per the terms of the protocol between the Government of India and erstwhile USSR.

Non-essentiality of NET for lectureship

†1976. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the essentiality of qualifying the National l Eligibility Test (NET) for appointment as lecturer in universities and colleges has been withdrawn by Government;

(b) if so, whether the applicants having been awarded the degree of M.Phil, and Ph.D. after the year 2002 will be eligible for the post of lecturer; and

(c) if so, by when Government instructions will be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI); (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission has on the 14.6.2006 issued an amendment to its regulation which is as follows:

"NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, the candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil, degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Under Graduate level teaching only."

Amount received from education cess

†1977. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received so far by Government under the education cess;

(b) the programme for which the education cess is proposed to be utilised;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.